in April'92 to earmark 3 fixed days in a week for receiving applications, for a maximum quantity of 200 tonnes per application. This procedure was duly notified to all concerned. According to SECL, this system has proved to be effective in ensuring smooth operation of free sale.

(c) and (d) Coal under free sale scheme is sold to the applicants without any sponsorship. In any case, middlemen if any are appointed by consumers and not by coal companies. In case any specific case of corruption is brought to the notice of Government, it would be got enquired into as per rules.

Setting up of hardware technology parks

769. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the policy framework for the setting up of hardware technology parks in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) A proposal to set up Electronic Hardware Technology Parks in different parts of the country is under consideration of the Government.

Fresh dialogue with new FIJI Government

770. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to initiate fresh dialogue with the new Government of Fiji for betterment of Indians there;

(b) if so, the details of the steps being taken or already taken in the matter and with what result;

(c) whether any such talks for betterment of Indians have been held with any other country during 1991-92; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir. There has not been any proposal so far.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Government remains alive to the interests and general welfare of Indians abroad. Indian Missions have been instructed to maintain close contacts with Overseas Indians and render them all possible assistance. Whenever necessary, the matter is discussed with the host Government.

Ban on LTTE in Sri Lanka

771. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sri Lankan Government has stated in categorical terms that they would not like to ban LTTE in their country though the Government of India banned the LTTE activities in India; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the response from the Government of Sri Lanka is not encouraging in the former Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi's assassination case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) On May 14, 1992 Government of India declared the LTTE as an unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. In this context, the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, while speaking in Sri Lankan Parliament on May 21, stated that the Sri Lankan Government did not "wish to prejudge the issues and take precipitatory unilateral action".

(b) The Government of Sri Lanka has so far extended adequate cooperation to Indian officials investigating the case of assassination of the former Prime Minister, Shri Rajiv Gandhi. We hope this cooperation will continue in connection with various matters pertaining to this case.

प्रधान मंत्री के प्रस्तावित विदेश यात्राएं

772. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) अगले छः महीनों के भीतर भारत के प्रधानमंत्री का किन-किन देशों की यात्रा करने का कार्यक्रम बना है ; और

(ख) अगले छः महीनों के दौरान विदेशों के किन-किन राष्ट्र प्रमुखों का भारत की यात्रा करने का कार्यक्रम है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एड्युार्डो फलेरियो) : (क) और (ख) इस समय विभिन्न यात्राएं भारत सरकार और सम्बद्ध विदेशी सरकारों के विचाराधीन हैं । इन यात्राओं के संबंध में घोषणाएं तभी की जाती हैं जब आपस परामर्शों और पारस्परिक सुविधा के आधार पर उन्हें अन्तिम रूप दे दिया गया हो । ये घोषणाएं समय से पहले नहीं की जा सकती ।

Application by Indian for Asylum

773. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian citizens have approached foreign countries for obtaining asylum or registering them as refugees;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons given for obtaining asylum in these countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details are given in the Statement.

Statement

Country where Asylum has been sought	Year	Number of Asylum seekers	Asylum Granted	Reasons seeking	for Asylum
Germany	1982-91	33,410	Seven	Political	Persecution
Austria	1990	356	Nil	,,	
	1991	128			
Netherlands	1990	303	Nil	,,	
	1991	380	Nil	,,	
	Upto June 1992	43	Nil	,,	
Canada	1990	845	11	,,	
	1991	733	81	,,	
Switzerland	1990	1828	Not Disclosed by Swiss Govt.		
	1991	886			
	Jan to June 1992	20			
Belgium	1990	1026	Nil	,,	
	1991	1283	Nil	,,	
Denmark	1990	26	One each in 1990 & 91	Not Given by Local Govt.	
	1991	35			
	Jan to 15 June 1992	11			